



ALEXANDRIA.

MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 30.

ON A DAY in June President Harrison, talking to a delegation of southern protection democrats, said:

"Perhaps I comprehend this race question better than you gentlemen think, and sympathize with your feelings in regard to the colored people more than you know. Certainly, in your place I would feel as you do. Personal contact with an alien race in social, political and professional life would not be agreeable to me. I would not like to see a negro mayor or postmaster of Indianapolis. I do not intend to impose upon the people of the South conditions which I would think rather hard if they were imposed upon me. I have no disposition to ignore the colored people; but I believe that all their just expectations can be satisfied without placing them in positions where race instinct is sure to engender personal bitterness and social discord. There are places enough in the public service in which colored persons can perform useful service without involving that personal contact with and official authority over white citizens in their own homes which you and your people find offensive."

Now, that was just the way right-thinking people all over the country liked to hear the President talk, because what he said was true and was in accordance with good, plain common sense. And yet, last week, hardly three months after Mr. Harrison had spoken these words of sobriety and truth, he, through his Postmaster General, Mr. Wanamaker, abolished the postoffice at Luyerne, Alabama, because the white people of that town, the only people who receive any mail there, refused to go on the bond, or to rent a house to an objectionable negro whom he had appointed postmaster there. Mr. Harrison has also appointed numerous negro postmasters in Virginia. That a remarkable change has come over the spirit of Mr. Cleveland's dreams in respect of the appointment of negroes to office in the South is plain to be seen. Mr. Harrison, it need not be forgotten, is throwing the whole power of the federal administration in favor of the election of General Mahone.

THE FACT of holding a government office does not deprive a man of any of his political privileges, and no right thinking man justified Mr. Cleveland for removing a U. S. district attorney in Missouri for responding to a call one night, at his own home, from his fellow citizens of his own town, in a short speech in favor of democratic principles. But it is vastly different when U. S. attorneys, marshals, internal revenue collectors and, indeed, nearly the whole effective force of federal officers in a State, not only "work up" the primaries and conventions of the party to which they belong, but run the machine of their party during its campaigns, leaving their offices for weeks at a time on electioneering trips to distant parts of the State. That is just what the federal officers in Virginia are now doing, and though it is apparent to the weakest understanding that such a condition of affairs is utterly incompatible with the proper discharge of civil service duties, neither the civil service law nor rules prohibit or prevent it, according to the unanimous opinion of the three gentlemen who compose the civil service commission. But still there are Virginians, and Virginia democrats too, who approve both the law and the rules referred to.

WITH ALL her wars and all her immense navy and all her large civil list, England's annual expenses on account of pensions amount to less than thirty-eight million dollars. Those of the United States, with no civil list and with comparatively no navy, amount to one hundred million. But there are no politics in English pensions, neither is there a high tariff in England nor a surplus in the British treasury, and consequently no necessity for expending the latter in order to make a plausible excuse for the maintenance of the former.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has become so much enamored of his negro fellow citizens of late that he has just sent a letter of congratulation to one of them in Georgia upon the birth of a son named after him. Many negro babies were named after the first President Harrison, but if his grandson can find any historical record of the fact that he ever wrote a letter of congratulation to the father of any of them, he will do more than any body else has been able to do.

MR. TIMOTHY F. LEE, of Washington, a democrat under the Cleveland administration, made a Mahone speech at a negro meeting in this city last week. The next day he was appointed immigrant inspector at Wilmington, N. C., at \$5 a day, with nothing to do, as few or no immigrants ever land at Wilmington. Mr. Lee got paid for his work quickly, and well paid, too.

A GREAT ado has been started in some quarters of this country over the fact that the Emperor of China is considering a proposition to expel all Americans from his dominions. In view of the other fact that the Chinese are excluded from, and have been driven out of this country, sometimes with fire and sword, why the ado referred to should exist is what few reasonable people can tell.

GENERAL MAHONE has made a campaign document of a letter written by Major Horace Lacy, to the effect that Gen. R. E. Lee had spoken to Gen. Hampton of General Mahone as the commander-in-chief of the Confederate army in case anything should befall him, Lee. The letter from Senator

Hampton in another column settles this question effectually, so far at least as concerns him, Hampton.

REPUBLICANISM has not improved either the morals or the manners of the people of France. According to the statistics of that country the increase of crime there since the change in the form of government has been great, while that of divorce has been immense. The increase of atheism and all other forms of infidelity has also been fearful.

An Explicit Denial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30th, 1889.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette:

Mr. Dear Sir: I have just seen, for the first time, a letter from Major Horace Lacy, in which he states that Gen. Lee had spoken to me in the highest terms of Gen. Mahone. I am greatly surprised at this statement of Major Lacy, because some time ago, a year or more perhaps, he asked me if I had any recollection of such a conversation with Gen. Lee, and I replied emphatically that I had not. Gen. Lee never said anything of the sort to me on the occasion referred to or at any other time, nor do I believe that he ever entertained the opinion attributed to him. Gen. Lee may have made Maj. Lacy his confidant, but he certainly did not do me that honor. I am very respectfully yours,

WADE HAMPTON.

STATE POLITICAL NOTES.

Fifty-four commercial travelers of Richmond have signed a call for a meeting to form an organization to aid in the defeat of Mahone.

The democrats have made the following additional legislative nominations: Goodland, Keuben Ford; Lunsburg, W. L. Bridgforth—both for the House.

To-morrow the anti-Mahone republicans will hold a conference at Richmond to determine their line of action toward Mahone in the present canvass. The most important question to be determined at this meeting seems to be whether the kickers shall put up a separate ticket or vote out and out for the democrats. The indications are that they will adopt some compromise course, and while not agreeing to support their old enemy, will not commit themselves to the democratic candidate. The conference will be attended by Messrs. W. P. Graves, Lewis McKenzie and probably others from this city.

NO FLIES ON THIS RAT.—Capt. Smith, of the Jackson Navigation Company's new boat, the Evolution, tells the following story of the sagacity of a rat: "Some years ago I was master of a ship in which there was a great number of rats. One fellow in particular used to frequent my cabin. He had a white patch on the side, where he seemed to have been burned by some acid or other. At last I discovered why he patronized my cabin; he came to get a drink from the water jug. This he could do easily enough when the water was high, but when the supply got low he could not reach it, but he wasn't baffled, by any means. One day while lying in my berth I saw him climb the handle of the jug, but when he got to the top he was unable to reach down to the water, try as he might. After a while he seemed to give it up as a bad job and sat disconsolately on the edge of the vessel. Suddenly he turned round and lowered his stern into the pitcher and let himself down until his whiskered snout was barely visible; he then reclined to his original position on the jug handle and carefully licked every drop of water off his tail. The cunning little fellow had dipped his tail in the water and used it as a sponge. This he repeated several times until his thirst was quenched and then he climbed from his perch on the jug and disappeared."—N. Y. Herald.

FORCED INTO A MARRIAGE.—A strange story was told at New York police headquarters Saturday night by two men about a friend of theirs, named David Kirchneroff, being forced into a marriage with a Russian girl against his will. While the two men were looking for redress at headquarters the marriage was being performed in the Golden Star Hall, Hester street. The father of the newly made wife is a cloak maker, and his name is Aaronson. Thinking some time ago that his daughter Kise should get married, he paid \$100 to a "Chadchin" to get her a husband. The "Chadchin" got young Kirchneroff to fill the bill and it was said, gave him half of the money. The couple were made acquainted, but soon the bridegroom, that was to be, manifested a coolness towards his fiancée. He made up his mind to leave the city, and tried to carry out the design on Saturday last, but was followed by Aaronson and the "Chadchin," who captured him on a ferryboat and brought him back. He was taken to a house in Christie street and kept there till Saturday afternoon under a guard of six men. That night he was compelled to walk to the Golden Star Hall, down a suit of wedding clothes and go through his part of the ceremony. Rabbi David Falk officiated. It is not yet known what steps will be taken in the matter.

MR. HAMILTON SAYS GOOD-BYE.—Mrs. Hamilton will be taken to the State Prison at Trenton, N. J., this evening from May's Landing. A great many highly colored accounts of the meeting between Hamilton and his wife on Friday night, and a mistaken idea of the purpose for which Hamilton went there have been given. The husband was not at all demonstrative at the meeting, although Mrs. Hamilton was overjoyed, and sought by every possible caress and art to win back his affections. The meeting lasted until midnight, and Mr. Hamilton's friend, Lawyer Clark, was present throughout, and when the business for which the two had come was completed Mr. Hamilton bade his wife farewell forever. He obtained an admission from the wife that the baby, Beatrice, was not his child, and a full confession of the deception practiced upon him. It is stated upon good authority that Mr. Hamilton will not interfere in his wife's behalf to obtain a mitigation of her sentence, and she will in all probability serve out her term. A less deduction for good behavior if she is a tractable prisoner. Hamilton arose at 5 o'clock on Saturday morning, and walked out and down the piazza of the American Hotel until 7 o'clock, but did not go to see his wife again.

COAL PRICES STATIONARY.—The anthracite coal selling agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad met yesterday at the general office on Fourth street and decided again, probably for the last time this year, that it would be impossible to raise prices. The condition of trade at Baltimore and Washington was considered, but the conclusion was reached that even if circular prices should be raised accordingly, the same was the decision as to line and city trade. The action of the agents is particularly significant, since it indicates in advance the course likely to be taken by the agents of all the anthracite companies.—Phil. Record.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Most of the delegates to the Three Americas Convention have arrived in Washington.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church will meet in New York Wednesday.

The crew of the Spanish vessel captured by Riffians off the coast of Morocco have been released.

Gen. S. G. Sturgis, retired, United States army, died at St. Paul, Minn., Saturday, aged 67 years.

Colored republican speakers are being sent to western States on account of negro immigration from the South.

It is said that as soon as Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr., recovers from her present illness proceedings will be begun against her husband for divorce.

Lewis L. F. Seal, of Camden, son of a prominent broker, has been held in \$600 on a charge of robbing his betrothed of \$750 and a diamond ring.

John Brennan, an inmate of the county poorhouse at Shamokin, Pa., has fallen heir to \$2,000,000 left him by his sister, Mrs. Jao. Caroon, of California.

Two great English syndicates, with an aggregate capital of \$50,000,000, have about completed the investment of this large sum in American breweries and grain elevators.

Stephen Chamberlain, of Owego, who mysteriously disappeared and the insurance on whose life was paid to his wife, has been discovered in Baltimore, where he was living under the name of Comstock.

The troops and armed citizens who went from Birmingham, Ala., to Pratt's mines to quell the reported uprising among the negroes returned home disgusted yesterday. They found no signs of a disturbance.

It now appears that Samuel Garner, colored, who was lynched in Bluefield, W. Va., recently, was innocent of the crime of which he was charged, and the authorities are hunting down the men who killed him.

Fire at Butte City, Mont., yesterday, destroyed an entire block in the business portion of the city. A strong wind prevailed, and for a time it was feared a disastrous conflagration could not be prevented. The loss is about \$1,000,000.

Archbishop Sotoli, rector of the Ecclesiastical Academy, whose early departure for the United States to attend the celebration of the Centenary of the Catholic hierarchy in America has been announced, will also represent the Pope at the opening of the new Catholic University in Washington.

Eugene L. Harriok, a stylish and middle-aged produce dealer of New York, was arrested Saturday for pinching the arms of ladies shopping in dry goods stores in Brooklyn. His only excuse for his strange behavior when arrested was that his wife did not object to his pinching the arms of ladies.

E. G. Bartlett, better known in pioneer days as "Wild Curley," who died at Kearney, Nebraska, Friday last, in 1848 walked from Wisconsin to Omaha and joined Fremont's expedition across the continent. Later he joined the regular army and became a famous scout, and was one of the survivors of the Mountain Meadow massacre.

The coroner's investigation at Chicago into the Washington Heights Railway disaster a day or two ago, by which six suburban passengers on the Rock Island Road were killed and a dozen persons scalded and mangled, returned a verdict finding Engineer Seth Twombly and Fireman Henry Leckie responsible for the wreck and committing them to jail. Twombly was arrested last night.

In Baltimore yesterday John Friese, a young man, formerly a cigar maker, but lately a car conductor, shot and fatally wounded Miss Georgie Virginia Stone, a young girl who had discarded him. The young lady was walking with a young man when Friese shot her. Friese walked into the station house this morning and gave himself up. He said that he intended shooting Robert Moore, the companion of the girl, but that his aim was poor and the girl received the shots instead. Miss Stone is dangerously ill to day.

The last week of the League baseball season opens to-day. New York playing at Pittsburg, Philadelphia at Indianapolis, Washington at Chicago and Boston at Cleveland. The New Yorks have the lead by a single game; and while the Bostonians are playing probably a better fielding game than the New Yorks, the latter have been batting with greater freedom than their famous rivals. The weather, after all, may play an important part in the programme; in fact, the race may be decided by rain. The League championship season closes October 5 and the American Association ten days later.

ANOTHER DISGRACED ENGLISH PEER.—The Earl of Galloway is the British peer who comes before the public this week as a criminal. He bears the proud name of Alan Plantagenet Stuart, and sits in the House of Lords as Baron Stuart of Garlies. He was lord high commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and is honorary colonel and lieutenant colonel commandant of the Royal Scots Fusiliers. His town residence is a magnificent house in upper Grosvenor street. He has country seats at Garliestown, Cumloden, Glenrool and Bargrennan, and is a member of the Carlton, St. Stephen's, Hurlingham, Constitutional, United Service, and Scottish Conservative clubs, the most exclusive and aristocratic in England. His wife is a sister of the Marquis of Salisbury. This aristocrat has just been brought before the courts in Dumfries to answer the infamous charge of having indecently assaulted a little girl of ten or twelve years, and there are a number of witnesses of the crime. It was several weeks ago that the assault was committed, and this period of time has been occupied in referring the case from one magistrate to another, since it has been almost impossible to induce the officers of the law to take cognizance of a crime committed by so exalted a personage as a peer of the realm. The earl is fifty-four years of age, and has no children. It is doubtful if he will be punished. The trial has been fixed for October 14. It will take place before a Scotch court.—N. Y. Sun cable.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CONCLAVE.

Preparations for the Knights Templar convocation continue in Washington. The President will review the procession from a stand to be erected in Lafayette square, opposite the White House. The procession, in the method of its formation and details of its movement, will be a copy of the inaugural parade. All the divisions except the first will form on the streets which radiate from the Capitol, but the first division, instead of coming from the White House, will come from the Masonic Hall, and as it passes the Capitol the other divisions will fall in behind it and move up Pennsylvania avenue past the President's house, and then around Washington Circle and into K street, then east to Mt. Vernon Square, being reviewed en route on K street by G. M. Rooms and the encampment officers. At Mt. Vernon Square the procession will be dismissed. The wheelmen and the "Nobles of the Mystic Shrine" are also completing programmes for their parade during the convocation, and the dress parade of the District militia, directed for this week is now postponed until next week.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Fires.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 30.—Fire broke out yesterday about noon on the first floor of the Bowes block, a four story brick being erected on the southeast corner of Granite and Utah streets, one block west of Main. A strong wind from the west carried the fire eastward where it caught the block fronting on Main. The Hennessy mercantile store, one of the leading dry goods houses was soon on fire, as well as the buildings next south, the First National Bank, Knawellers dry goods store and the Centennial Brewery which were entirely consumed. On the north side of Main street the Barnard block, opposite the Bowes building, was burned to the ground. Several houses west of it had their fronts badly burned. The flames caught the building of the Bonner Mercantile Company, and did serious damage to the stock in the rear end next to the Barnard block, which was aggravated by water. The heat was so intense and the wind so violent that the occupants of the blocks on both sides of Main street in the line of the fire began to remove their goods. About dark the fire was gotten under control. The loss will aggregate half a million of dollars. Three firemen were fatally injured and a number slightly.

CALEDONIA, Minn., Sept. 30.—Fire was discovered yesterday morning in Sprague's block in this city. The total loss is \$28,000.

BOSTON, Sept. 30.—At midnight last night a fire broke out in a wooden block on Dorchester avenue, South Boston, which destroyed about \$300,000 worth of property. John Cronin was taken from his apartments unconscious from smoke and may die. The fire was undoubtedly incendiary.

ATTICA, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Fire last night destroyed the floral hall on the fair grounds. The loss is \$15,000.

Politics in the West.

TACOMA, Wash'tg T., Sept. 30.—The most bitterly contested political campaign ever fought in Washington Territory ends with the setting of to day's sun. Twenty-four hours later it will have been decided whether Washington's first government is to be republican or democratic. The republicans prophesy the election of their entire ticket with majorities ranging any where between 8,000 and 13,000. The democrats concede the election of Perry for Governor and Wilson for Congress, but claim a division of the supreme judgeship. The chairman of the republican territorial committee claims that the Legislature will be republican on joint ballot by a majority of 30. On the other hand the democrats claim the Legislature on joint ballot by ten.

New York Democrats.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Preparations for the democratic State Convention are completed. The city is rapidly filling with delegates and all are expected to be here by night. All the talk indicates the nomination without serious contest of Denis O'Brien for Judge of Appeals, Charles F. Tabor for Attorney General, Frank Rice for Secretary of State, and Elliott Dabforth for State Treasurer. State Engineer Bogart and Controller Wemple will be renominated by acclamation. The gossip about the platform is that it will reaffirm the national democratic platform; declare that revenue reform is not a failure, but will be persisted in; endorse Governor Hill's administration and arraign the republican party for falling short in its performance of its promises.

Foul Play Suspected.

NATICK, Mass., Sept. 30.—The body of Paul Schuster, a German 30 years old, was found in the brook near the Wellesley library, Saturday afternoon badly bruised. Schuster went by the name of "Scab Shoe-string," and was prominent among non-union men who worked in Pfeffer's shoe factory, where there have been labor troubles for over a year. He went to Boston Friday with \$50 and when found had only 18 cents in his pockets. There is much excitement and many dark rumors are afloat.

To Preserve Order.

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 30.—A number of the striking dock laborers manifested a disposition to return to work to day but they were prevented from doing so by the arguments and threats of their comrades. Two Dutch men-of-war, three gun-boats and two sloops-of-war are moored in the river. Forces from these vessels will be landed in the event of the strikers creating any disorder.

From Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 30.—The loss of crops by the great storm last week will be over \$500,000.

A newsboy and a butcher fought a duel here yesterday, with knives. The butcher was dismembered and left on the field dead. Three young ladies, of Morelia, who lost a fortune at the gaming table, have committed suicide.

Queen Natalie.

BELGRADE, Sept. 30.—Ex Queen Natalie paid a visit to her son, King Alexander, today. All the foreign representatives with the exception of the ambassadors of Germany and Turkey afterward waited upon the ex Queen.

DIED.

Entered into rest, at Matawan, home of the Misses Jackson, Northampton county, Va., September 29th, Mrs. MARY C. JACKSON, widow of the late Col. Wm. A. Jackson, formerly of Fredericksburg, Va. Funeral services at St. Paul's Church, Alexandria, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment at Fredericksburg, Va. Friends of the family invited to attend.—Winchester, Fredericksburg and Lynchburg papers please copy.

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Telegraphic Brevities.

It is the general opinion that the Liver pool cotton ring is utterly smashed.

In Chicago this morning Judge McConnell, in the Cronin case, granted the motion that the summoning of veniremen be taken out of the hands of Sheriff Mattson and be entrusted to a special bailiff, appointed by the court.

William R. Batterson, 42 years old, shot himself dead in the New England monument company's office on Broadway, New York, this morning. He was a brother of one of the former proprietors of the concern, G. T. Batterson, who died recently.

The subscriptions to the fund to meet the expenses of Mr. Parnell in his defence before the Parnell commission have closed. The amount subscribed is \$41,000.

Indians from all the northwest are congregating on Bad River reservation at Odanah, about 20 miles from Ashland, Wis., to attend the annual medicine dance which is held in different places every year.

In New York to-day the grand jury made a presentment in the Flack case and handed an indictment against the principal conspirators, who are believed to be Sheriff Flack, his son Willie, Mrs. Raymond, Jos. Weeks and Ambrose Monell.

Col. Robt. Patton Crockett died at his residence on Buckner's Creek, Texas, last Thursday in the 73rd year of his age. He was one of Hood county's pioneer settlers, locating there in 1854. His death removes the only remaining son of Davy Crockett.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. James M. Sublett, formerly manager of the Spotswood and Columbian Hotels, Richmond, died Saturday, aged 80 years.

Rev. Joshua Peterkin, D. D., rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, of Richmond, is ill at his residence. He is 73 years old, and has been rector of the church nearly forty years.

Col. C. M. Davis died at his home in Grayson county on Thursday. In 1872 he was elected to Congress from the Fifth district, but C. Y. Thomas, his opponent, contested the election and obtained the seat. He also served as a State Senator.

A FIENDISH ASSAULT.—A most brutal assault was made yesterday near Sabath, Kan., upon Miss Eva Purty, the twenty-year-old daughter of Oliver Purty, a wealthy farmer. Miss Purty received a note from an unknown villain a few days ago threatening her with dire vengeance unless she would renounce her intended husband and bestow her affections on the sender. Search was at once begun, but the scoundrel had disappeared. About 11 o'clock yesterday, while Miss Purty was at home alone in the kitchen, a medium sized masked man entered, and, seizing her around the neck, applied a bottle of chloroform to her nostrils. A struggle ensued in which she was roughly handled. After losing consciousness she was dragged to a corn field near by and feloniously assaulted. A large quantity of carbolic acid was then poured down her throat, and the victim left for dead. She was still alive, and seized her around the neck, applied a bottle of chloroform to her nostrils. 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